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**IN THE CLAIMS**

The status of the claims is as follows:

1       1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a place type  
2       from which new places are created in collaboration space,  
3       comprising the steps of:

4              creating a first place including a configuration  
5              specifying members and their respective roles, a data  
6              structure including at least one room form and included  
7              page form, aesthetics, and at least one skin group for  
8              a team project;

9              rendering said first place as [[a]] an existing place;  
10             responsive to user command, saving said existing place  
11             as a place type from which other places are to be  
12             created with said configuration in said collaboration  
13             space; [[and]]

14             rendering a ~~second place new place~~ as a copy of said  
15             place type, ~~said second place new place~~ being a fully  
16             functioning collaborative space including members with  
17             specific roles, data structure including folders and  
18             rooms and aesthetics created by said place type from  
19             said existing place;

20             responsive to place manager selection:

21             selectively preventing changes to look and feel of  
22             said new place by not presenting decorate options

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23           in said place type;

24           selectively displaying a description of said place  
25           type;

26           displaying source information for said place type,  
27           including name and address of collaboration space  
28           place on which said place type is based;

29           selectively hiding and redisplaying names and  
30           descriptions of place types in a list of available  
31           place types created by place type authors and  
32           transportable among a plurality of servers;

33           selectively [[update]] updating said new place  
34           created using said place type when said place type  
35           changes; and

36           selectively copying said place type from a server  
37           on which said place type was created to another  
38           server.

1       2. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further  
2       comprising the steps of:

3           responsive to a user selecting an action from a browser  
4           user interface for creating a place in collaboration  
5           space, displaying a list of custom place types;

6           receiving from said user a name of a custom place type  
7           from said list, together with a name for a new place,  
8           user name and password; and

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9           responsive to verification of said user as authorized  
10          by user name and password, creating a new place from  
11          said custom place type.

1        3. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2          the steps of:

3           organizing said collaboration space according to an  
4          object model selectively including place, room, folder,  
5          page, member, form, field, place type, room type, skin,  
6          and placeholder objects.

1        4. [Original] The method of claim 3, said place type  
2          being implemented as a directory within said room type.

1        5. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further  
2          comprising the step of:

3           manipulating functionality provided by said place type  
4          to customize said collaboration space by integrating  
5          external technology.

1        6. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2          the steps of:

3           granting authority to an authorized user to access said  
4          place type and create a new place from said place type;  
5          and

6           responsive to a request from said authorized user,  
7          modifying said new place.

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1       7. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further  
2 comprising the step of:

3           responsive to creation of said place type from said  
4 first place, using said place type as a custom place  
5 type for creating said other places having the format,  
6 look and feel of said first place.

1       8. [Original] The method of claim 7, further comprising  
2 the step of:

3           including membership, forms, placebots and skins  
4 defining a collaboration space place within said place  
5 type.

1       9. [Previously presented] The method of claim 6, further  
2 comprising the step of:

3           responsive to a "what's new" request entered by a user,  
4 displaying at said browser changes made to said place  
5 type.

1       10. [Previously presented] The method of claim 6, further  
2 comprising the step of:

3           updating said new place created using said place type  
4 when said place type is modified.

1       11. [Currently amended] A method for creating a plurality  
2 of place types from which new places ~~may be~~ are to be  
3 created in collaboration space, comprising the steps of:

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4 creating a first place;

5 rendering said first place in collaboration space;

6 saving said ~~first place~~ first place as a place type;

7 creating a new place as a copy of said place type, said  
8 new place being a fully functioning collaborative  
9 space;

10 rendering said new place in collaboration space; and

11 responsive to place manager selection:

12 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said  
13 new place by not presenting decorate options in said  
14 place type;

15 selectively displaying a description of said place  
16 type;

17 displaying source information for said place type,  
18 including name and address of collaboration space place  
19 on which said place type is based;

20 selectively hiding and redisplaying names and  
21 descriptions of place types in a list of available  
22 place types created by place type authors and  
23 transportable among a plurality of servers;

24 selectively update selectively updating said new place  
25 created using said place type when said place type

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26 changes; and

27 selectively copying said place type from a server on  
28 which said place type was created to another server.

1 12. [Currently amended] A system for creating a place type  
2 from which new places are to be created in collaboration  
3 space comprising:

4 a first place;

5 said first place including a configuration of  
6 membership, at least one room form and included page  
7 form, and at least one skin group for a team project;

8 said skin group defining a page read display mode, a  
9 page edit display mode, a folder list and response  
10 display mode, and a folder headline display mode;

11 said place type created responsive to user command from  
12 a preexisting first place; each said new place created  
13 as a copy of said place type and having said  
14 configuration within said collaboration space as a  
15 fully functioning collaborative space including members  
16 with specific roles, data structure including folders  
17 and rooms, and aesthetics copied from said first place;

18 means responsive to place manager selection for:

19 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of  
20 said new place by not presenting decorate options

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21           in said place type;

22           selectively displaying a description of said place  
23           type;

24           displaying source information for said place type  
25           including name and address of collaboration space  
26           place on which said place type is based;

27           selectively hiding and redisplaying names and  
28           descriptions of place types in a list of available  
29           place types created by place type authors and  
30           transportable ~~among plurality~~ among a plurality of  
31           servers;

32           selectively update selectively updating said new  
33           place created using said place type when said  
34           place type changes; and

35           selectively copying said place type from a server  
36           on which said place type was created to another  
37           server.

1       13. [Previously presented] The system of claim 12, said  
2       collaboration space being organized according to an object  
3       model including place, room, folder, page, member, form,  
4       field, place type, room type, skin, and placebo objects.

1       14. [Previously presented] The system of claim 12, further  
2       comprising:

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3           a browser for manipulating functionality provided by  
4           said place type.

1       15. [Previously presented] The system of claim 13, further  
2           comprising:

3           a browser for manipulating functionality provided by  
4           said place type to customize said collaboration space  
5           by integrating external technology.

1       16. [Previously presented] The system of claim 13, said  
2           place type being a directory containing all rooms comprising  
3           said place type.

1       17. [Previously presented] The system of claim 16, said  
2           place type including membership, forms, placebots and skins.

1       18. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable  
2           by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
3           executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating  
4           a place type from which new places are created in  
5           collaboration space collaboration space, said method steps  
6           comprising:

7           creating a first place including a configuration of  
8           members and their respective roles, and a data  
9           structure including at least one room form and included  
10          page form, and at least one skin group for a team  
11          project;

12          rendering said first place as an existing place;

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13       responsive to user command, creating from said existing  
14       place a place type specifying collaborative space  
15       characteristics including a members list and roles,  
16       data structure, and aesthetics of said first place; and

17       creating as a copy of said place type a new place as a  
18       fully functioning collaboration including said  
19       configuration of members and their respective roles and  
20       said data structures;

21       responsive to place manager selection:

22           selectively preventing changes to look and feel of  
23       said new place by not presenting decorate options  
24       in said place type;

25           selectively displaying a description of said place  
26       type;

27           displaying source information for said place type  
28       including name and address of collaboration space  
29       place on which said place type is based;

30           selectively hiding and redisplaying names and  
31       descriptions of place types in a list of available  
32       place types created by place type authors and  
33       transportable among a plurality of servers;

34           selectively updating said new place created using  
35       said place type when said place type changes; and

36           selectively copying said place type from a server

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37                   on which said place type was created to another  
38                   server.

1       19. [Previously presented] The program storage device of  
2       claim 18, said method steps further comprising:

3                   responsive to a user selecting an action from a browser  
4                   user interface for creating a place in collaboration  
5                   space, displaying a list of custom place types;

6                   receiving from said user a name of a custom place type  
7                   from said list, together with a name for a new place,  
8                   user name and password; and

9                   responsive to verification of said user as authorized  
10                  by user name and password, creating a new place from  
11                  said custom place type as a fully functioning  
12                  collaboration space thereafter usable without reference  
13                  to said custom place type.

20. [Canceled]

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